



TravCon 11

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Introduction

TravCon is a **Traveller** roleplaying convention near Sawtry (between Peterborough and Huntingdon just off the A1M), on the weekend of **4-6 March 2011**.

TravCon is a small, **friendly event** and all gamers are welcome, whether newcomers to Traveller or experienced players. We have space for about 30 attendees, so make sure you book early for a **fantastic weekend of Traveller!**

This is our fourth year of running TravCon down south – check out the pictures from previous conventions at:

<http://www.bitsuk.net/Travelling/Travelling.html>

We look forward to meeting you at TravCon.

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The Venue

TravCon is held at Redwings Lodge, a small hotel about 12 miles south of Peterborough and 6 miles north of Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, on the Old Great North road (B1043), which runs parallel to the A1(M).

Accommodation

The hotel has en-suite facilities in all rooms. There are ground floor rooms for a limited number of attendees (attendees with disabilities will get priority – please ensure you indicate any such requirement when you book).

Food

A small bar/eating area provides “continental” breakfast facilities; **the bar is open 24 hours** with two on-tap beers and a good range of bottled drinks (soft and alcoholic). The coffee machine is on continuously throughout the day and just like last year there will be **free snacks from BITS** to keep you going throughout each day!



Good use was made of the 24 hour bar...

Right next to the hotel, “Spice Land” offers an “eat as much as you like” Indian buffet (you can bring your own drinks over from the hotel). There is also a service station which stocks snacks, microwave food, etc.

A few minutes drive away is Sawtry, with take-aways (Fish & Chips; Chinese), pubs and a Co-op store, as well as a chemist, Post Office and Nationwide building society.

Games and Events

TravCon uses a simple “slot” system for games, where each slot lasts about 4 hours. We can run up to 5 games (of 6 or so players) depending upon availability of referees.



Friday

8pm – 11pm (Slot 1): A short ‘opening’ slot for those who are desperate to start playing as soon as they turn up. Latecomers are welcome to join in as they arrive!

Saturday

9.30am – 1pm (Slot 2): The morning slot (if you’re a late riser, you can pretty much just walk out of your room, down the stairs and into the gaming area!)

1pm – 2pm: Lunch!

2pm – 6pm (Slot 3): The afternoon slot.

6pm – 7pm: Dinner!

7pm – 11pm (Slot 4): The evening slot.

Sunday

10am – 4pm (Slot 5): This is a slightly longer slot, starting late enough for a lie-in, provided you don’t over-indulge on Saturday night! Lunch is fitted in...

4pm: The closing ceremony, including the awards.

Some games may bridge two slots; games will not be allowed to over-run as this disrupts subsequent games.

Games

A list of the games will be distributed to attendees in the lead-up to the con. In addition to our experienced ref’s we are looking for attendees to volunteer to run games too!

Awards

Attendees vote to decide who gets two awards:

PFI (“Ping! F* It!”):** for the most dramatic mess-up in a convention game (last year, awarded to Simon Bell for a ‘covert’ assassination which involved bludgeoning the victim to death on public TV).

SEH (Starburst for Extreme Heroism): for the most heroic action in any convention game (last year, awarded to Roger Malmstein for throwing his camera and knocking out an insane gunman!)



Traders

BITS – We'll have all our usual BITS products, the latest Mongoose stock and second-hand Traveller books and games, with special discounts for all attendees.

Bring and Buy – The ideal opportunity for you to bring along stuff from your roleplaying collection that you think other attendees might fancy buying. (There is a small fee for each item you sell, which is donated to charity.)

How Can You Help?

WE NEED YOU... not just to attend, but also to run games! If you would like to run a Traveller game, please contact us at TravCon@bits.org.uk and tell us:

- The adventure name and Traveller system*;
- Maximum number of players;
- Your preferred slot day/time;
- The game length (maximum of two slots);
- A description of the game (a few sentences is fine) so prospective players can decide if they want to play it.

*Mongoose Traveller rules are preferred but you may run another canon rule system if you wish.



Miniatures skirmish around a berthed Scout ship

Registration

To get your TravCon tickets, please:

1. Fill in the Booking Request Form (below) and e-mail* it to us at TravCon@bits.org.uk.
2. When we receive your Form we will check we have a suitable room for you. We will then contact you back by e-mail* to either (a) ask you for payment, (b) clarify your details or (c) regretfully tell you we can't accept your booking (if we are already booked out).
3. Assuming (a) above, we will e-mail* you details of how to pay. This year we will be accepting **cheque or Paypal**, but Paypal will attract a surcharge of £4 (we run on such a tight budget that paying Paypal fees would mean cutting back on the free food or attendee gifts that you have come to expect from us). You must pay by the date requested by us, otherwise we will regard your booking as having been rescinded.
4. Only once your payment has been cleared, will we confirm your booking (by e-mail*).

*If you don't have e-mail, post your Booking Request Form to "BITS TravCon, PO Box 4222, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 0DP". Do not send payment with your booking form unless we have asked you to do so.

Attendee Prices

We're very glad to say that we've been able to keep the prices the same for the third year running!

- **"Lead Character"** £99*
(Friday night to Sunday afternoon, en-suite room, B&B, with entry to all games).
- **"Secondary Character"** £25*
(as "Lead Character", but sharing a room with a "Lead Character").
- **"Non-Player Character"** Free
(non-gamer, sharing room with a "Lead Character").
- **"Saturday Stand-In"** £15
(gamer, day ticket, for Saturday only[#]).
- **"Sunday Stand-In"** £10
(gamer, day ticket, for Sunday only[#]).

*Please note these prices are only for payments received by 30th November 2010; after that date, prices increase as follows: Lead Character £109; Secondary Character £35.

[#]Please note: limits on space and referees means we can only support a certain number of attendees. We will give priority to Lead and then Secondary Characters; Stand-In tickets will only be issued if there are spaces left after all Lead and Secondary attendees have been confirmed.

You must book in advance through BITS UK Limited.

If you turn up without having booked we regret that we may have to turn you away due to the limited number of attendees we can accommodate. Please also note that the hotel can NOT accept bookings directly for this event.

All prices include VAT at the rate valid on the date of payment.

Travel

Redwings is on Old Great North Road which runs parallel to the A1M between Peterborough and Huntingdon.

It is best reached by car: exit the A1(M) at junction 15; follow signs for "Monks Wood" and "Alconbury". The hotel is on the B1043 behind the Q8 petrol station.

There is parking in front and beside the hotel, including disabled parking spaces directly outside.

Redwings Lodge

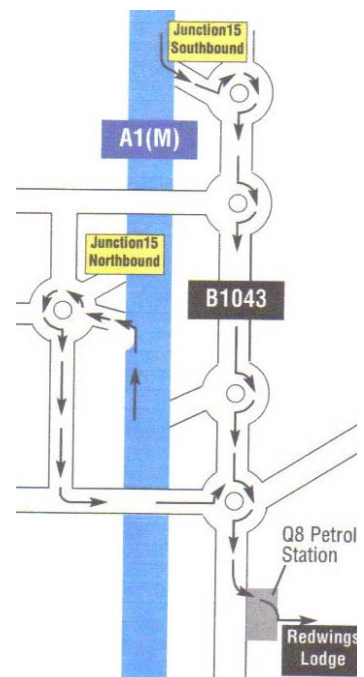
Old Great North Road

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Cambridgeshire PE28 5XP

Tel: 01487 830100

Web: www.redwingslodge.co.uk





Booking Request Form

Nothing too formal, but we will need the following from you:

1. For each attendee (please fill in a separate form for each attendee):

- Full Name:
- Home Address [1]:
- E-mail Address [1]:
- Phone Number [1]:
- Age (if under 18) [2]:
- Are you a BITS Member [3]: **Yes/No**
- Are you Gaming [4]: **Yes/No**
- Are you Sharing a Room [5]: **Yes/No** (*If Yes, please write the name of the person with whom you are sharing: if they have different contact details, they must fill in their own form.*)
- Are you the parent or guardian for another attendee [6]: **Yes/No**
(*If Yes, please write the name of the person you are responsible for:*)

2. Preferred Room Type*[7]: **Double / Twin / Family** **Smoking / Non-smoking**
 (*Availability of each type of room is subject to change by the hotel – we will do our best to meet your needs.)

3. Date/Time you expect to: Arrive: Leave:

Please read the notes below carefully. Please also note that submitting this Booking Request Form to BITS UK Limited (in any format) signifies your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions below.

Notes:

- [1] We need good contact details for each of you (including e-mail and phone number) in case we need to contact you regarding your attendance, any last minute changes to the convention details, or any problems with your booking.
- [2] Any attendee under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is an adult gaming environment and BITS UK Limited cannot and do not accept any responsibility whatsoever for attendees under the age of 18. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the safety of such younger attendees and to determine the suitability of the environment for them (including suitability of the content of any games they play or view) as well as observing any relevant legal restrictions (such as access to the bar area). Attendance at the event signifies the parent/guardian’s explicit agreement to these terms.
- [3] If the event is over-subscribed, BITS members will be given priority on bookings. However, once your booking is confirmed (BITS member or not) that’s final – you cannot be ‘bumped’ by a BITS member.
- [4] At least one attendee per room must be gaming (i.e. paying the full attendee price). Due to space limitations, we reserve the right to refuse entry of non-gamers into the gaming areas; in no circumstances are non-gamers permitted to join in games (in any manner).
- [5] Please make it clear with whom you wish to share.
- [6] All attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (see point [2]).
- [7] Room allocation is at the discretion of BITS UK Limited. Family rooms will only be allocated to attendees with younger children, unless we run out of other rooms for non-family attendees.

Terms and Conditions:

Sorry, but the Thought Police mean that we have to include the following legal stuff:

- All attendees at TravCon signify their implicit and explicit agreement to abide by the notes above and the following terms and conditions by submitting a Booking Request Form (in whatever format) to BITS UK Limited.
- The organisers of TravCon (BITS UK Limited) reserve the right to change the event details (including, but not limited to its content, location, date and timing) without prior notice.
- Attendees agree to follow any and all instructions issued by the organisers and their designated representatives, including but not limited to cancelling or halting an event which is already in progress.
- At its sole discretion, the organiser may require any attendee to leave the event for a given period or for the rest of the event.
- Attendee fees are not returnable or refundable under any circumstances.
- Confirmed attendee status may be transferred between individuals no later than ten working days prior to the event and only with the explicit permission of BITS UK Limited.
- BITS UK Limited accepts no liability for loss or damage of any attendee’s property, direct or indirect, whilst they are attending TravCon. Attendees accept sole and total responsibility for ensuring their personal health and safety at the convention, including managing any and all special needs and medical conditions (e.g. disabilities, allergies, special dietary requirements).
- Attendees below the age of 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian, who takes full responsibility for the younger attendee, including but not limited to their personal safety and the suitability of the gaming environment for their age.